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9 Japanese, 4 German, 4 Norwegian, 2 Hawaiian, and 1 Danish; with crews aggregating 4,790.

Thirty-nine steamers carried steerage passengers, concerning whom I inclose a detailed statement, to the number of 11,186, as against 6,938 during the immediately preceding half year, and 9,429 in the corresponding period of 1897, showing a decided increase in the amount of steerage travel through and from this port.

The number of steerage passengers, added to that of the crews of all vessels inspected, gives a total of 16,076 persons individually examined during the six months.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

VENEZUELA.

Termination of smallpox epidemic at Puerto Cabello.

PUERTO CABELLO, July 1, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that this port, after being closed since March 25, 1898, has again been opened for pratique by the government of the country, the news of same arriving to-day, as smallpox has disappeared.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

WM. H. VOLKMAR,
Vice-Consul.

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

BAHAMAS—*Governors Harbor*.—Two weeks ended July 2, 1898. Estimated population, 1,500. No deaths.

Green Turtle Cay—Abaco.—Two weeks ended June 30, 1898. Estimated population, 3,900. No deaths.

Nassau.—Two weeks ended July 5, 1898. Estimated population, 11,000. Number of deaths not reported. No deaths from contagious disease.

COLOMBIA—*Carthagen*a.—Month of June, 1898. Estimated population, 25,000. Total number of deaths, 56, including 1 from yellow fever.

FRANCE—*Roubaix*.—Month of June, 1898. Estimated population, 125,280. Total number of deaths, 130, including enteric fever 1, and measles, 2.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 33 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended July 9 correspond to an annual rate of 14.7 a thousand of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,218,378. The highest rate was recorded in Sunderland, viz, 21.4, and the lowest in Cardiff, viz, 9.4.

London.—One thousand two hundred and thirty-two deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 28; scarlet fever, 8; diphtheria, 27; whooping cough, 41; enteric fever, 7, and diarrhea and dysentery, 25. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 14.2 a thousand. In greater London 1,652 deaths were regis-

tered, corresponding to an annual rate of 13.4 a thousand of the population. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 15 from measles, 10 from diphtheria, 1 from scarlet fever, and 15 from whooping cough.

Ireland.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended July 9 in the 23 principal town districts of Ireland was 18.7 a thousand of the population. The lowest rate was recorded in Dundalk, viz, 4.2, and the highest in Kilkenny, viz, 42.5 a thousand. In Dublin and suburbs 136 deaths were registered, including scarlet fever, 2, and whooping cough, 3.

Scotland.—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended July 9 correspond to an annual rate of 20.0 a thousand of the population, which is estimated at 1,568,536. The lowest mortality was recorded in Aberdeen, viz, 13.3, and the highest in Perth, viz, 27.2 a thousand. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 603, including measles, 36; scarlet fever, 8; diphtheria, 3, and whooping cough, 21.

JAMAICA—*Kingston*.—Four weeks ended July 2, 1898. Estimated population, 34,314. Total number of deaths not reported. One death from enteric fever.